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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to our discussion today, Claim 11 as submitted in the First Amendment is a repeat of Claim 12, and the text of the original Claim 11 was omitted. Below is how Amended Claim 11 should have been originally submitted:

11. (currently amended) ~~The device of Claim 10,~~ A device for use with a pipe having a distal end with an opening through which fluid flows during use of the pipe, the device comprising:

a strip of material having a length sufficient to extend between two building supports and apertures adjacent ends of the strip of material sized to allow the passage of fasteners to fasten the strip of material to the supports, the strip of material having therein a plurality of circular holes each of which has at least two slots concentric with the hole wherein the slots are arcuate and further comprising a secondary opening adjacent to and concentric with each slot, the slots and secondary openings being configured so they can accommodate a bayonet mount during use of the device, wherein the slots are arcuate and further comprising a secondary opening adjacent to and concentric with each slot, the slots and secondary openings being configured so they can accommodate a bayonet mount during use of the device.

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Respectfully submitted,

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